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FROM BUNKER

FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM LODGE RECEIVED FROM YAKODA AFB:
"FOR AMBASSADOR BUNKER FROM LODGE. SUBJ: PRESS ARRANGEMENTS FOR ARRIVAL. WOULD LIKE TO SUGGEST FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION THE FOLLOWING PRESS ARRANGEMENTS FOR OUR ARRIVAL IN SAIGON. (1) VIP LOUNGE TAN SON NHUT BE SE. UP WITH TWO ROWS CHAIRS (REAR ROW ELEVATED) AND HALF DOZEN MICROPHONES FACING THE NEWSMEN. ONLY PHOTOGRAPHERS AND CAMERAMEN SHOOTING SILENT FOOTAGE

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WOULD BE ALLOWED AT ONE SPOT ON TARMAC TO SHOOT OBSERVERS DEPLANING. IN VIP LOUNGE. SOUND CAMERAS AND NEWSMEN SHOULD BE PERMITTED. BRIEF WELCOME BY DR. DO OR OTHER TOP GVN OFFICIAL ON HAND. AMBASSADOR BUNKER AND SHORT INTRODUCTORY STATEMENT BY LODGE AS COORDINATOR. OBSERVERS WOULD THEN INTRODUCE THEMSELVES AND SAY FEW WORDS IF THEY WISH. THEN NEWSMEN WOULD BE ALLOWED SEVERAL QUESTIONS ADDRESSED TO INDIVIDUAL OBSERVERS. (2) SOME OBSERVERS WILL UNDOUBTEDLY GET MORE ATTENTION THAN

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OTHERS BUT WE WANT TO GIVE ALL A CHANCE TO IDENTIFY THEMSELVES. (3) NO WRITTEN FORMAL ARRIVAL STATEMENT PLANNED. (4) PLEASE CONFIRM PRESS PLANS TO AIRCRAFT BEFORE ARRIVAL IF POSSIBLE, SO THAT OBSERVERS CAN BE INFORMED IN ADVANCE. CLEARANCES: AMBASSADOR LOCKE, AUTHORIZED: AMBASSADOR LODGE. PETER TARNOFF STATE SEPT SENDS."
DESPITE PREVIOUS INSTRUCTIONS RELATIVE TO PRESS CONFERENCES, NOW BELIEVE ABOVE PROPOSAL SHOULD BE ACCEPTED AS LODGE NO DOUBT HAS ALREADY BRIEFED OBSERVERS ALONG THESE LINES. IT SEEMS TO ME THAT SHOULD THE LODGE

PROPOSAL NOT BE ACCEPTED, OBSERVERS, MANY OF WHOM WOULD PROBABLY LIKE THIS TYPE PUBLICITY, COULD WELL TAKE OFFENSE ON GROUNDS WE ARE ISOLATING THEM FROM PRESS. BUNKER

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